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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board Meeting

December 13, 1968

PRESENT: L. M. Cutler, H. L. V. Anderson, H. R. Brown, V. Currier, R. H. Cutting, R. N. Haskell, J. H. Page, W. G. Robertson, Mrs. Jean Sampson, S. W. Wernick, and N. Y. Wessell; Absent: A. H. Benoit, Miss Lucia M. Cormier, W. T. Logan, Jr., and Mrs. Helen Pierce. Staff: W. C. Libby, C. O. T. Wieden, H. L. Fowie, A. J. Mraz, H. W. Gordon, S. L. Freeman, H. A. Keyo, F. S. McGuire, P. H. Vose, W. C. Wells, Clerk Edith Wilson, and the Press.

Dr. Cutler, upon opening the meeting, called for a report from the Search Committee.

Dr. Wessell reported that the Committee is presenting, on the basis of a unanimous vote, the name of Dr. Donald R. McNeil of the University of Wisconsin for the position of Chancellor of the University of Maine. In order to bring this to the Board today, Dr. Wessell had ascertained that Dr. McNeil would accept the position if offered to him. It is also known that he will be available full-time possibly February 1, but not later than March 1, and in the interim he is prepared to devote some time to the duties of the Chancellor, even commuting on occasions from Madison. The Committee is not only unanimous but enthusiastic about this appointment as Dr. McNeil was selected from a considerable list of highly qualified and interested individuals.

Dr. Cutler complimented Dr. Wessell on his Committee and the manner in which they conducted the search and considers the Board fortunate in being able to have the name of Dr. McNeil before them today. It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: To elect Dr. McNeil to the position of Chancellor of the University of Maine, effective immediately on a part-time basis and not later than March 1, 1969 on a full-time basis. This appointment also carries an appointment as Professor of History at Large in the University of Maine.

Dr. Wessell then indicated that the work of the Search Committee in relation to the selection of a President for the former University and one for Farmington State College will now be turned over to Dr. McNeil. It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: To dissolve the Search Committee with the gratitude of the Board.

It was announced that Dr. McNeil plans to be in Bangor, Augusta and Portland this coming week Tuesday through Thursday.

1. Report of Standing Committees.

a. Finance Committee. Mr. Haskell reported.

1. Board and Room at Orono and South Campus. The Committee had studied the report of Acting President Libby regarding the debt service requirements on self-liquidating bonds on the Orono campus and were convinced that without this increase in board and room charges funds would not be available to meet the annual payments on the self-liquidating bonds. On the recommendation, therefore, of Mr. Libby and the Committee, it was moved, seconded and

VOTED: Regretfully, to increase the board and room charges \$100 a year in Orono and at South Campus, effective September 1, 1969, bringing the Orono charge to \$950 and that on the South Campus to \$900.

2. Farmington Dormitory. In October, the Board authorized the Administration to proceed to frame an amendment to the bill which provided the new dormitory at Farmington in order to change the plan of bond retirement. On the recommendation of the Committee, it was moved, seconded and

VOTED: To authorize the Administration to introduce the bill amending the previous legislation into the 104th Legislature to provide that the debt service for the new dormitory be shared by all dormitory facilities on the Farmington campus.

b. Physical Plant Committee. Mr. Page reported that the monthly summary had been distributed. Unless there were questions, there would be no report. However, three items of information were explained.

1. Land Surveys. The Sewall Company has completed the field work in relation to their survey of properties of Gorham and Washington Colleges and is now in Aroostook County.
2. Federal Funds. The requests which were made for federal aid to construction were acted upon by the Maine State Commission on December 11th. The amounts received were not quite what was requested. Below are the results of the Commission awards:

<u>Section 103, Community Colleges</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Augusta Classroom Building (an additional \$158,000 will be available on February 1, 1969)	\$390,000

<u>Section 104, Four Year Institutions</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Farmington State College Class- room Building	\$ 93,502
Maine Maritime Academy (conditional until March 31, 1969 depending upon matching funds)	\$327,000
Physical Education Building and Pool (Orono)	\$202,422

As is evident, the Chemical Engineering Building did not receive any funds at this time. Hence, the current construction project for the Chemical Engineering Building is reduced to a \$1,400,000 program, consisting primarily of a shop and laboratory wing of a building to be enlarged in the future.

2. Personnel. As presented by Mr. Libby and Mr. Wieden, it was moved, seconded and

VOTED: To approve all recommendations concerning personnel as listed under date of December 13, 1968, a copy of which is filed herewith.

Mr. Libby noted the recommended appointment of Dr. Irwin Douglass, Professor of Chemistry, as 3/4 time planning officer primarily for Orono, South, and Augusta Campuses, for the spring semester of 1969, to work closely with the Orono Institutional Research Office and with the office of the Chancellor, with no change in salary. It is understood that Dr. Douglass will continue some teaching and research for the other quarter time.

3. Date of the next meeting. It was agreed that the Board will meet next in Bangor on January 25th to facilitate the attendance of Trustees at the Orono Commencement that evening.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Edith G. Wilson
Clerk, Board of Trustees